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RUSSIANS ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, now that the Manchurian President has come back from meeting with his holders in Helsinki, we need to look at what is going on here.

We were scolded today in another country by the President of the United States telling us how: Well, Russia has made mistakes. Well, we have made mistakes, too.

When has a President ever done that? And all my colleagues do is sit over there and don't say a word.

Let this have been some other President, it would be holy water in here.

He attacks women all the time—NANCY PELOSI, MAXINE WATERS, ELIZABETH WARREN, Megyn Kelly, Hillary Clinton, you name it. But then stands there next to the person that had everything to do with our elections being rigged or held up, and he stands there and says: Well, he said he didn't do it.

What is going on here? Is there any backbone?

The President of the United States doesn't have a backbone. What did I see today?

It used to be being called a communist was the worst thing you could call someone. Now they are our friends?

Wake up.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Banks of Indiana). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

TAX REFORM

(Mr. NORMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the great news that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act continues to deliver for the people and small businesses of the Fifth District of South Carolina.

It has been almost 7 months since tax reform, and our economy is booming. People have a renewed hope and sense of security in their futures again.

Firsthand, I see small businesses in my district expanding and creating more jobs. New hires are at the highest level in 17 years. Small-business optimism is the highest in decades. Consumer confidence is at its highest in 2 decades.

I have directly heard from families who are seeing more hard-earned dollars remaining in their pockets. Because of our pro-growth policies, our economy, our families, and our businesses in my district and across the Nation will have strong futures.

Thanks to tax reform, South Carolinians and Americans are better off now.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DERRICK "BO" TAYLOR

(Mr. KIHUEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Derrick "Bo" Taylor, who attended the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

Bo was devoted to his two sons, Gregory and Kyle, and his girlfriend, Denise Cohen.

Bo worked for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 29 years, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant.

Bo and Denise dated for several years and attended the Route 91 festival together, where, tragically, they both died.

Bo is remembered by his friends and family as being very well liked and respected, and a leader. He was dedicated to everyone in his life and was known as a true friend.

I would like to extend my condolences to Bo Taylor's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

IN RECOGNITION OF LYNDA DURANT

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent in my district, Mrs. Lynda DuRant, who saved her husband's life by bravely and correctly administering CPR in an emergency situation.

An educator in the Effingham County public school system, Mrs. DuRant used her CPR training to save her husband John's life when he suffered a significant cardiac event. The doctors said later that her immediate and proper use of CPR was crucial to his survival.

CPR has only a 10.6 percent success rate, because it is often performed incorrectly.

With early June being National CPR and AED Awareness Week, I encourage everyone to become certified in administering CPR.

Like Mrs. DuRant, you never know when you will be called upon in an emergency to save a life.

Thank you, Mrs. DuRant, for your brave action and for reminding us of the importance of this critical skill.

ESSENCE OF BETRAYAL

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today President Trump went to a foreign country and criticized his own country, the United States of America, while bowing and scraping to a foreign dictator, Putin.

Americans must ask this obvious question, and it is: Why does President Trump refuse to criticize Vladimir Putin about anything?

It must be because Putin knows something about President Trump that President Trump doesn't want the rest of us to know. If that is true, then President Trump has put his own wellbeing and interests above those of the Nation.

And that, Mr. Speaker, is the essence of betrayal. His actions have betrayed the confidence and the trust of the American people and could be called treasonous.

Sadly, Trump's supporters must look at themselves and think whether or not they were sold out by the dog whistle "Make America Great Again." They must now realize that the President has subjected himself to domination by the leader of the international white nationalist movement, Vladimir Putin.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN

(Mr. LaMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the USA has approximately 121 sites around the country that are storing nuclear waste in approximately 39 States. They are in temporary facilities, temporary storage that could be subject to all sorts of problems, whether it be terrorist attack or other issues with nature.

I had the chance recently to visit Yucca Mountain, the facility in Nevada that would be the repository for nuclear waste, if it could be approved and put in place.

I was impressed with what I saw for many key issues. Seismic activity is very low in the area, if any. We have an issue where it could be a very hardened site for attack. It would be very difficult to attack it. And the issues with groundwater are nil, since groundwater is so deep in the Nevada desert, well below the areas proposed.

We need to do something about this situation with nuclear waste being stored temporarily the way it is or with moving forward with a project like Yucca Mountain, which is the only one approved in the United States currently under the law.

Mr. Speaker, further delay means further peril for the way this stuff is being stored currently. We need to move forward on this.

TRUMP-PUTIN MEETING

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn President Trump's unpatriotic performance and feckless